

1974, with respect to Stabenow (for Bennet) Amendment No. 601, to create a point of order against legislation that would privatize Medicare, cut guaranteed benefits, increase out-of-pocket spending, or turn Medicare into a premium support plan. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S1844–45, S1870–71**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 26, 2015; and that all debate time on the concurrent resolution be considered expired at 12 noon. **Page S1957**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Dr. Steven Zink of Nevada. **Page S1957**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

Kathleen Ann Doherty, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Lucy Tamlyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy. **Page S1957**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—92) **Page S1842–43, S1869–72**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:08 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1957.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: THE DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Defense Health Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Patricia Horoho, Surgeon General of the Army, Vice Admiral Matthew Nathan, Surgeon General of the Navy, Lieutenant General Thomas Travis, Surgeon General of the Air Force, and Chris Miller, Program Executive Officer, Defense Health Management Systems, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary, and Franklin Orr, Under Secretary for Science and Energy, both of the Department of Energy.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Paul A. Grockl, USN, Principal Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisitions, Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, and Rear Admiral Michael C. Manazir, USN, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98), all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the current state of readiness of U.S. forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Daniel B. Allyn, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Admiral Michelle J. Howard, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, General John M. Paxton, Jr., USMC,

Assistant Commandant, and General Larry O. Spencer, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine ballistic missile defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral James D. Syring, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Lieutenant General David L. Mann, USA, Commanding General, Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Army Forces Strategic Command, and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, Brian P. McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and J. Michael Gilmore, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, all of the Department of Defense.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) accountability, focusing on nonbank designations, after receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Gary E. Hughes, American Council of Life Insurers, Dennis M. Kelleher, Better Markets, Inc., and Paul Schott Stevens, Investment Company Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 808, to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment;

S. 650, to extend the positive train control system implementation deadline, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 834, to amend the law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 764, to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 766, to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders; and

The nominations of Willie E. May, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Dava J. Newman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator of the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Patricia D. Cahill, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Paul A. Folmsbee, of Oklahoma, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Cassandra Q. Butts, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and Katherine Simonds Dhanani, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CENTRAL AMERICAN MIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the border, focusing on understanding and addressing the root causes of Central American migration to the United States, after receiving testimony from William Kandel, Analyst in Immigration Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Alan D. Bersin, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security and Chief Diplomatic Officer; Francisco Palmieri, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Lieutenant General Kenneth E. Tovo, USA, Military Deputy Commander, United States Southern Command, Department of Defense; Roger F. Noriega, former Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs and Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, American Enterprise Institute, and Eric L. Olson, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Latin American Program, both of Washington, D.C.; and Adolfo A. Franco, former Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development, Alexandria, Virginia.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the fight against Alzheimer's disease, focusing on a treatment by 2025, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Ronald C. Petersen, Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Rochester, Minnesota; Kim Stemley, Rx Outreach, St. Louis, Missouri; Heidi Wierman, Maine Medical Center, Portland; and Barbara Smith, and Dan Gasby, both of Sag Harbor, New York.